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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended)

A tool for use in removing and replacing a bulb of a push-button type actuatable switch comprising:

a tool body, said tool body having a first end defining a bulb-accepting opening, said body defining a plurality of tines, each tine separated from each other tine by at least one slot, said tines defining at least a portion of said opening, a compressible bulb engaging insert located in said opening, said tines configured to move inwardly and outwardly to selectively compress said insert against a bulb positioned in said insert, ~~a position of said tines changing a size of at least a portion of said bulb-accepting opening~~, said tines biased outwardly to a position in which said insert will opening is sufficiently large to accept said bulb; and

a sleeve, said sleeve configured for movement between a first position in which said tines are permitted to move to their outward position and a second position in which said sleeve moves said tines inwardly and compress said insert against a bulb positioned in the insert for engaging a bulb located in said opening.

2. (Original)

The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body defines four tines.

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3. (Original)

The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said sleeve comprises an annular member movably mounted on said body.

4. (Original)

The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body has a second end, said second end having projection extending therefrom, said projection configured to engage a lens cap extending over said bulb.

5. (Original)

The tool in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said projection comprises a prong.

6. (Currently Amended)

The tool in accordance with Claim 5 wherein at least a portion of said prong head extends ~~generally~~ perpendicular to an axis extending through said body from said first end to said second end.

7. (Original)

The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body comprises a generally cylindrical wall defining a hollow interior, said tines formed from a portion of said wall.

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8. (Original)

The tool in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said opening comprises at least a portion of said hollow interior.

9. (Currently Amended)

The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said compressible insert comprises a sleeve defining a bulb-accepting opening including an insert located in said opening, said insert comprising a body defining a bulb-accepting opening therein, said body comprising a compressible material.

10. (Currently Amended)

The tool in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said bulb-accepting opening in said sleeve comprises a passage extending through said sleeve, opening in said body of said insert comprises a passage extending through said body, said passage having a first end and a second end, said first end facing outwardly for accepting a bulb and said second end located in said body of said tool, and including a stop, said stop extending into said passage from said second end thereof.

11. (Currently Amended)

The tool in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said stop has a base connected to said body of said tool and a rod extending outwardly therefrom, at least a portion of said rod located in said passage through said sleeve ~~through said body of said insert.~~

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12. (Currently Amended)

The tool in accordance with Claim 11 ~~10~~ wherein said rod has a free end positioned outwardly from said base, said free end having reduced outer dimension compared to the portion of said rod connected to said base.

13. (New)

A tool for use in removing and replacing a bulb of a push-button type actuatable switch comprising:

a tool body, said tool body having a plurality of tines located at a first end thereof, each tine separated from each other tine by at least one slot, said tines defining an opening, a compressible bulb engaging insert located in said opening, said insert defining a bulb-accepting opening, said tines biased away from said insert into a first position and said tines selectively movable inwardly into a second position in which said tines compress said insert whereby said insert will securely engage a bulb positioned in said insert;

a bulb stop, at least a portion of said stop located in said bulb-accepting opening of said insert, said stop configured to limit the depth a bulb may be inserted into said bulb-accepting opening; and

a slider, said slider configured for sliding movement along said body between a first position in which said tines are located in their first position and a second position in which said slider presses said tines inwardly and said tines compress said insert against a bulb positioned in said bulb-accepting opening.

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14. (New)

The tool in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said body has a second end, said second end having projection extending therefrom, said projection configured to engage a lens cap extending over said bulb.

15. (New)

The tool in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said projection comprises a prong.

16. (New)

The tool in accordance with Claim 15 wherein at least a portion of said prong extends perpendicular to an axis extending through said body from said first end to said second end.

17. (New)

The tool in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said body comprises a generally cylindrical wall defining a hollow interior, said tines formed from a portion of said wall.